

BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Package

March 24-25, 1999

Holiday Inn Select

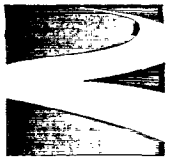
801 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield

Tour 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.; March 24

Meeting 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; March 25



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M e m o r a n d u m

Date: March 10, 1999

To: BDAC Members

From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Subject: March 24-25, 1999 BDAC Meeting

The Bay-Delta Advisory Council will meet on March 24 and 25, 1999 at the Holiday Inn Select in Bakersfield, California. Enclosed is a packet of written materials. The purpose of the meeting is to update members on key issues in the southern San Joaquin Valley and to begin addressing key CALFED critical issues, focusing on the Water Management Strategy, future governance of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and the proposed Stage One actions and bundles.

Our meeting will begin on Wednesday with a tour of the Arvin Edison Water Storage District, Kern Water Bank, and surrounding habitat conservation areas and agricultural operations. The tour is sponsored by Arvin Edison, the Kern Water Bank Authority and Kern County Water Agencies. Details on the tour are included. (Members of the public are invited to the tour, but must provide their own transportation.) After the tour, BDAC members and the public are invited to a reception at the Holiday Inn Select on Wednesday evening, sponsored by the Association of Kern County Water Agencies. Local public officials will also be invited to the reception. Additional information is included in this packet.

The formal BDAC meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 25, at the hotel and is expected to last all day to about 5:00 p.m. Time has been set aside on the agenda for local officials to address BDAC on water related issues.

We plan to spend most of the morning discussing the CALFED Water Management Strategy. This strategy is emerging as a keystone of the Program's approach to managing water for environmental restoration, water quality improvements and improvements in water reliability for all users. We will discuss several components of the strategy, focusing some time on the Integrated Storage Investigation. We have invited a panel of

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 Department of Fish and Game
 Department of Water Resources
 California Environmental Protection Agency
 State Water Resources Control Board

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 Fish and Wildlife Service
 Bureau of Reclamation
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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environmental and local water district representatives who, together with BDAC members, will respond to the progress made to date on the Strategy. In addition, we are seeking BDAC's concurrence on the overall direction that CALFED is moving in with regards to the Strategy, and in particular, with the Integrated Storage Investigation.

In the afternoon, we will receive a status update from the Governance Work Group regarding overall CALFED Governance and Ecosystem Restoration Program functions and management options. Staff will update you on CALFED Policy Group related discussions, as well. The Work Group will seek comments from BDAC on the major areas of agreement and disagreement and expects to present BDAC with recommendations at the July 7-8, 1999 meeting.

The afternoon will continue with a staff presentation on the proposed Stage One actions and bundles. You will receive at the meeting some preliminary cost estimates and cost allocation. We will be seeking your concurrence on the proposal.

Your packet include the following materials:

Draft Agenda

Water Management Strategy materials including:

- Update on work to date on Demand Scenarios and overall Strategy refinement

- Update on the Economic Analysis

- Integrated Storage Investigation

- Clean Water Action Section 404 Compliance Strategy

- Environmental Water Account

Governance Update memo and related attachments

Stage 1 Actions and Bundles Proposal

Updates on Water Transfers, Finance, and Restoration Coordination

Work Group Meeting Summaries

Letters to/from BDAC Members

January 21, 1999 BDAC Meeting Summary